Foodgrains Storage System

† 1220. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to make foodgrains storage system more effective;

(b) whether Government have taken any action in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In order to reduce the storage and transit losses and to modernize the system of handling, storage and transportation of foodgrains in India, a national policy on handling, storage and transportation of foodgrains has been announced by the Government on 4th July, 2000. The policy announced by the Government seeks to harness efforts and resources of private and public sectors, both domestic and foreign, to build and operate infrastructure for bulk handling, storage and transport of foodgrains procured by the Food Corporation of India (FCI). The policy also envisages creation of conventional storage capacity through private sector participation on Build-Own-Operate basis.

Issue of Ration Card to BPL Families

1221. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the task of identifying the Below Poverty Line households under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana, announced in

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